

Notes

Below are the key points of our lessons about weak squares.

- Weak squares are squares that cannot be defended by a pawn. Because of that they can be easily occupied by the opponent's pieces.
- Weak squares in white's position are usually found on the 3rd and 4th rank while black weak squares are often on the 6th and 5th rank.
- When a pawn moves, the squares it was previously protecting become weaker. The pawns are not as flexible as pieces. They cannot go back to defend the squares they left unprotected. That's why we have to play with them carefully.